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The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the President protempore [Mr. Thurmond].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Lord, You have created us to know, love, and serve You. Thanksgiving is the memory of our hearts. You have shown us that gratitude is the parent of all other virtues. Without gratitude, we miss the greatness You intended and often become proud and self-centered. Thanksgiving is the thermostat of our souls, opening us to the inflow of Your spirit and the realization of even greater blessings.

We want to live this day with an attitude of gratitude for all of the gifts of life: for intellect and emotion, will, strength, fortitude, and courage. We are privileged to live in this free land so richly blessed by You.

Thank You Father for the women and men of this Senate and for all who work with them to lead this Nation. May this Saturday session be productive, bring resolution to conflicts, and the completion of unfinished legislation. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, the distinguished Senator from Idaho, is recognized.

Mr. CRAIG. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, today there will be a period for the transaction of morning business until 1 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will consider the Labor-HHS appropriations conference report. The leader anticipates 90 minutes of debate and a rollcall vote on the adoption of the conference report. Therefore, the first vote today will occur at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Following that vote, the Senate may be asked to consider an appropriations matter to be offered by the chairman and ranking member shortly after the vote at 2:30. Therefore, additional votes can be expected during Saturday's session of the Senate.

Since these are hopefully the last few days of the session for the 1st session of the 105th Congress, many items are in the process of being cleared for consideration by the Senate. Some of those items include the FDA reform conference report, the adoption/foster care legislation and Executive Calendar nominations. Therefore, the cooperation of all Senators would certainly be appreciated.

Mr. President, let me say briefly that the adoption/foster care legislation, I understand, is now nearly cleared. It is an effort that I, along with Senator CHAFEE and Senator ROCKEFELLER—and a good many others—Senator COATS, Senator DEWINE have worked

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JOHN WARNER, Chairman.

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